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A<sub>2</sub> ~Chelate-forming functional groups to be introduced into a molecule of the fiber~.

On page 10, lines 16-17, change "in a fiber molecule" to

A<sub>3</sub> ~in a molecule of a natural fiber and/or a regenerated fiber~;

line 18, change "the fiber" to --these fibers--;

line 22, change "carbon" to --carbons--; and

From page 11, line 24 to page 12, line 1, change "any of natural fibers, regenerated fibers, and synthetic fibers can be

employed" to ~natural fibers and/or regenerated fibers can be employed--.

A<sub>4</sub> On page 13, delete lines 7-10.

A<sub>5</sub> On page 14, line 8, change "into a fiber molecule" to ~into a molecule of a natural fiber and/or a regenerated fiber--.

line 14, change "filter," to --filter can be obtained--;

line 16, change "directly with" to --directly--, and change "group" to --group,--;

lines 17-18, change "formula (2), has a chelate-capturing capability." to --formula (2).--;

A<sub>6</sub> line 18, insert the new paragraph, ~The chelate-

forming fiber having the introduced chelate-forming functional group represented by the general formula (1) has a satisfactory chelate-capturing capability to

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cd metalloid ions. -- followed by the phrase starting with "As shown in the".

On page 32, line 22, change "The type of base fiber" to -The

A7 type of natural fibers and regenerated fibers.

On page 33, line 1, insert --and-- before "viscose rayon";

lines 1-3, change "fibers; and polyamides,  
acrylic, polyesters, and other various synthetic fibers." to  
--fibers.--; and

line 5, change "base fibers" to -natural fibers

A8 and/or regenerated fibers.

On page 47, line 14, change "Cu, Zn, Ni, and Co each about  
50 ppm" to -each about 50 ppm of Cu, Zn, Ni and Co.

A9 On Page 48, line 4, change "The use of the chelate-forming  
filter having both" to -By using a natural fiber and/or a  
regenerated fiber as a filter material and introducing a specific  
A10 functional group having;

lines 6-7, change "and a removing capability to  
insoluble impurities as a filter material" to -into the fiber  
molecule, the invention can provide a chelate-forming filter  
which;

A11 line 9, change "be treated to thereby" to -be

A12 treated. The use of the chelate-forming filter can-; and